

## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

Many years ago the Editor came into possession of his first real ornithological book, W. E. C. Todd's "Birds of Western Pennsylvania." While I was duly appreciative of Mr. Todd's compilation of ornithological data, I was greatly impressed by the wonderful set of paintings that illustrated this work. It was my first encounter with the name of George Miksch Sutton, but it was not to be my last. Not too long after that I learned that some of my classmates actually *knew* this perceptive artist. After all he was, for a time, a resident of our native state. However, it was not until many years later that I met George Sutton, but in the intervening years I had heard much of him. Mostly I heard of him through the Wilson Ornithological Society. He was the President when I joined the Society, he was one of the outstanding Editors of *The Bulletin*. In fact for many years George Sutton, and Wilson Ornithological Society have almost been synonymous. In May of 1968 George Sutton will celebrate his 70th birthday, a fact that most people who know him find extremely hard to believe. To honor him on this occasion and to show the appreciation of the Society for his long and faithful service to it, Volume 80 of *The Wilson Bulletin* in 1968 will be in part devoted to a continuing symposium on arctic ornithology. There is little doubt that George Sutton's great love has been the Arctic, and he has contributed much to our knowledge of arctic birds. This series of papers, then, seems a most appropriate way of wishing George Sutton a Happy Birthday.—G. A. H.

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John W. Aldrich of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has been awarded a "Citation for Distinguished Service" by the Department of Interior. The citation, by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, cites Dr. Aldrich's many contributions to conservation education as well as to the advancement of science.

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Roger T. Peterson is spending the months of February and March as the first Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the Fallingwater estate, an educational and cultural center of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

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The Asa Wright Nature Center in the Northern Range of Trinidad was dedicated on 5 November 1967. This first neotropical nature center consists of nearly 200 acres, partly in cultivation. The colony of Oilbird (*Steatornis*) on the property is the most accessible one known. The center has facilities for lodging and meals for amateur naturalists, students, and professionals engaged in research. Details can be obtained by writing (air mail): The Manager, The Asa Wright Nature Center, Spring Hill Estate, Arima, Trinidad, W. I.

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Mr. Humphrey A. Olsen, 416 Franklin Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139, is preparing a book on Alexander Wilson. He would appreciate any information about letters, drawings, etc. by Wilson that our members might have.

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